



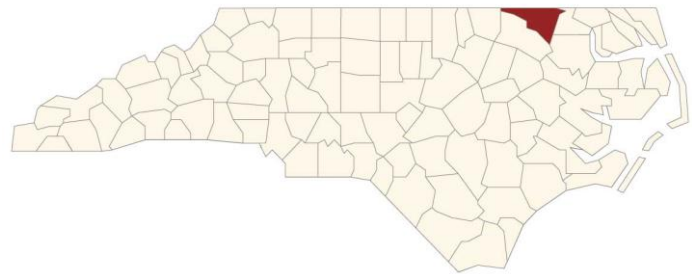
On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama. ARRA provides increased support to several existing federal programs administered by states, creates new programs such as the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund, and offers opportunities for states to apply for competitive grant programs.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's significant investment in North Carolina totaled almost \$19.5 billion, including assistance for those needing help the most through increases in unemployment benefits, Medicaid payments, and food stamps. In addition to those expanded services, ARRA gives hundreds of thousands of working North Carolinians a break through tax credits like the *Making Work Pay* tax credit and the *First Time Homebuyer's* tax credit.

The Recovery Act is not like earlier attempts to revive the nation's economy. It is not only a one-time infusion of federal funds; instead it is a long-term effort to restore economic expansion in the short-term, as well as prepare the nation's economy for stable, healthy long-term growth. Under the terms of the Recovery Act, support for North Carolina's economy will include both investments made directly by the federal government and investments of federal funds that are made under the oversight of the North Carolina state government.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Report, Northampton County

Northampton County received more than \$43 million in ARRA funding in grants, loans, and bonds. The following report outlines the various funding categories that contributed to the Northampton County total.



Water/Sewer grants:

1



Small Business Jobs:

3



Appliances rebated:

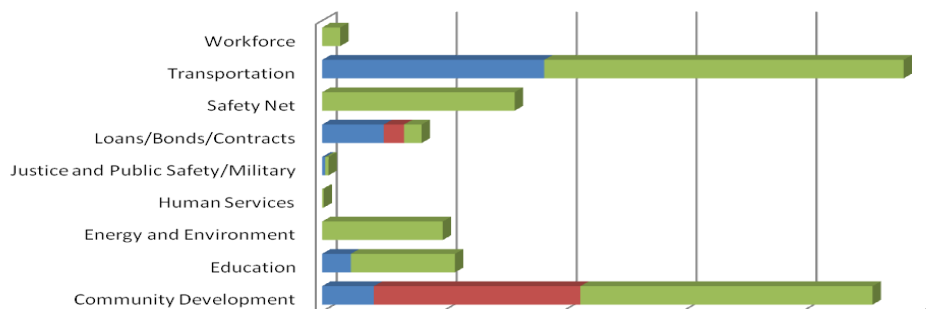
20



Family homes financed:

4

Northampton County Totals



Northampton County,
pop 22,086 at a glance:

Recovery Act Totals:
Grants: \$ 33,784,387.24
Loans: \$ 9,004,586
Bonds: \$ 452,500

Total: \$43,241,473.24



Education

The Recovery Act placed a special emphasis on maintaining education funding. Governor Beverly Perdue furthered this commitment by pledging additional recovery funds from the Recovery Act to education, and leading North Carolina to additional funds by winning \$400 million in the Race to the Top program.

Most of the ARRA education funds are distributed to local schools through existing funding formulas. Special Education Funds and Title I funds go to schools based on eligible student enrollment. State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) and the EduJobs grants were designed to hold schools harmless during the recession, and were distributed to public and charter schools. The school systems have spent the majority of the funds on staff and support. Some projects, such as Race to the Top, will be spent for purchasing products and services rather than salaries for staff.

Authorization for low/no interest bonds for school construction/renovation followed the Department of Public Instruction procedures with initial allotments to the school systems. If a school system could not utilize their allotment, it was released to other school systems that could utilize additional allotments.

Northampton County schools received \$4 million in education funding, including \$752,000 million in Special Education funds, \$900,000 million in Title I funds, \$1.5 million in SFSF funds, and \$600,000 million in Race to the Top funding.



Family Assistance

The Federal Department of Agriculture increased funding to their Single-Family home program with the ARRA. These resources assisted families in achieving the American Dream of home ownership through direct financial assistance (grants) or credit (loan guarantees). This program pumped more than \$729 million into North Carolina, providing assistance to more than 5,400 families.

In Northampton County, 4 families received assistance through this program totaling more than \$300,000.

The Department of Energy created the Energy Star Appliance rebate program to help stimulate the economy by incentivizing the purchase of new, more energy efficient appliances, and helping consumers by providing long-term savings from their utility bills. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce managed the program insuring North Carolina residents and retailers received the maximum benefit from this opportunity. North Carolina retailers sold more than 25,500 new energy efficiency appliances through this program, and North Carolina residents will enjoy energy savings for years to come. The program was so successful, that the State Energy Office reprogrammed additional funding to provide discounts to everyone participating in the program, bringing the total program value from \$8 up to \$10 Million.

Northampton County retailers sold 20 appliances through the Energy Star Appliance rebate program.



Small Business Assistance

The ARRA provided tax breaks, increased depreciation of business assets, and incentives for hiring for small businesses through the tax law changes found in Part B of the Act. The Recovery Act also established direct aid programs through the federal Small Business Administration (SBA) and US Department of Agriculture (USDA). These programs provided grants, loans and loan guarantees to grant small businesses access to much-needed operational credit during 2009 and 2010.

In Northampton County, 1 small business received an SBA loan guarantees worth \$10,000. According to the small business receiving this loan, the Recovery Act saved or created 3 jobs.



Farm Assistance

The Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program is administered by the Farm Services Administration in the federal Department of Agriculture, which provides assistance to farmers suffering crop losses due to natural disasters. To qualify for the program a farm must have lost at least 10% of one crop during a natural disaster in a declared disaster county, or lost 50% of a crop during a disaster in a non-disaster county. North Carolina farmers received more than \$9 million in total payments under the ARRA-Funded SURE Program.

In Northampton County, \$2,118 was received in assistance to farmers because of crop loss to natural disasters.



Justice and Public Safety Programs

ARRA increased funding to the federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grants Program (JAG). JAG funds were awarded both as a formula allocation to the State, for \$34.5 million, and grants distributed by the Governor's Crime Commission to various local governments and entities. In addition, \$21,853,798 went to 216 local governments across the state for various purposes in line with the requirements of the act. Finally, there is a federal competitive portion that was open to state or local government applicants.

In Northampton County, the Town of Woodland had 1 officer funded through COPS Grants. This grant was worth \$130,000. Additionally, the Governor's Crime Commission awarded Woodland \$4,000 to help outfit and equip this officer.



Environment and Natural Resources Programs

ARRA funded several programs to protect the environment, or to develop natural resources more efficiently. These programs ranged from environmental clean-up, such as leaking underground storage tank abatement and Brownfields programs, to EPA clean air grants, wildfire prevention grants, and revolving funds to build, expand, or overhaul existing water and sewer programs. These programs provided nearly \$150 million across North Carolina.

In Northampton County, the Town of Rich Square received \$1.4 million for water and sewer projects.



Safety Net Programs

Safety net programs are the category of ARRA funding that consists of programs designed to help populations made particularly vulnerable by the economic crisis. These generally include increases in existing programs, most notably the increase in both benefit level and duration of unemployment payments. Increases in the amount and duration of unemployment payments makes up the largest chunk of safety net programs funded through the Recovery Act, totaling more than \$3.5 billion statewide over more than two years. Safety net programs such as unemployment insurance and SNAP (formerly known as Food Stamps), not only benefit the recipient, but have a proven economic impact on a community.

Northampton County residents received \$4.5 million in Unemployment Insurance increases during the 2 ½ year ARRA benefits increase. County residents also received \$2 million in SNAP benefit increases, and \$1.5 million in one-time payments of \$250 to social security recipients.

Northampton County received more than \$315,000 for Head Start Programs.

Northampton County Feature Story

Northampton County Increases Public Safety with Recovery Opportunities

The Federal Department of Agriculture Rural Development's Community Facilities Program helps finance essential community facilities for public use in rural areas. The Community Facilities Program provides loans, grants, and loan guarantees for a variety of community selected high-impact projects, such as water and environmental projects, as well as community facilities projects. These facilities include childcare centers, hospitals, medical clinics, assisted-living facilities, fire and rescue stations, police stations, community centers, public buildings and transportation. Through this program, USDA ensures that such facilities are available to all rural residents. These funds are available to public bodies, non-profit organizations and federally recognized Indian tribes. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act increased funding for this program, giving the green light to many long-awaited and much needed local investments.



"These Recovery Act projects not only provide needed infrastructure in rural communities, they contribute to the Obama administration's continued efforts to create quality jobs," Tom Vilsack, Secretary of the USDA said. "The Recovery Act is working. These projects, and others like them, are contributing to restore the American economy while improving the quality of life in towns and small cities throughout the country."

The Conway-Severn Rescue Squad is an all-volunteer force that began in 1977, and is one of the few certified rescue squads left in the Northampton County. The 35-member rescue squad is the primary emergency medical service responders in the area of Old Faison Tavern to the Virginia border, and the Hertford County line to Potecasi on Hwy. 35. The squad receives an average of 2 calls a day, and provides mutual aid for Northampton County and also responds to mutual aid calls from Hertford County.



The Conway-Severn Rescue Squad received a Recovery-funded Community Facilities Program award for \$751,000 to construct a new rescue squad facility. The new state-of-the-art facility will be located on NC 35.

The Community Facilities Award is a \$200,000 grant, and a \$551,000 low-interest loan. Groundbreaking on the new rescue squad facility should begin in December 2011.

Another public safety entity that received a community facilities award in Northampton County was the Seaboard Fire Department. The Seaboard Fire Department received three awards worth a total of \$851,000 to construct a new fire station. The award was made up of two \$135,000 grants, and a single \$500,000 low interest loan. The construction contract was awarded in late 2010, and construction on the new fire station began in early 2011. At present, the project is more than 50% completed, and the project employed an average of 15 FTEs per quarter.



Appendix, Northampton County breakout

Federal Agency	Program Title	Recipient name	Recipient role ⁱ	Prime Amount ⁱⁱ	Unique Sub Awards ⁱⁱⁱ	Loans	Additional Economic Activity (not counted toward totals) ^{iv}
	Bonds		P			\$0.00	
		Seaboard	P			\$452,500.00	
	Very Low to Moderate Income Housing Loans - Guaranteed	Individuals	L			\$395,086.00	
Administration for Children and Families	ARRA - Child Care and Development Block Grant	Northampton, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$63,771.00	\$0.00	
	ARRA - Early Head Start	Choanoke Area Development Association Of North Carolina, Incorporated	P	\$882,850.00		\$0.00	\$882,850.00
	ARRA - Head Start	Choanoke Area Development Association Of North Carolina, Incorporated	P	\$315,846.00		\$0.00	\$315,846.00
Department of Agriculture	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	Multiple Individuals	S		\$2,168,828.86		
Department of Energy	Weatherization Assistance for Low-Income Persons	Choanoke Area Development Association Of North Carolina, Incorporated	S	\$0.00	\$3,617,979.00	\$0.00	
Department of Housing and Urban Development	Homelessness Prevention and Rapid ReHousing Program	Choanoke Area Development Association Of North Carolina, Incorporated	S	\$0.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$0.00	
	Public Housing Capital Fund Formula (Recovery Act Funded)	Carolina Speciality Contractors, LLC	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$416,196.00
		Roanoke Chowan Regional Housing Authority And Redevelopment Commission	P	\$844,696.00		\$0.00	\$844,696.00
Department of Justice	Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Grants	Woodland, Town Of	P	\$134,100.00		\$0.00	\$134,100.00
	Recovery Act - Eward Byrne Memorial Justice	Woodland, Town Of	S	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	

	Assistance Grant (JAG) Program/ Grants to States and Territories						
Department of Labor	Unemployment Insurance	Multiple Individuals	S		\$4,402,250.59		
Environmental Protection Agency	Capitalization Grants for Clean Water State Revolving Funds	Rich Square, Town Of	S		\$0.00	\$1,411,787.00	\$0.00
Federal Highway Administration	Highway Planning and Construction	Barnhill Contracting Company	PV		\$0.00		\$0.00
					\$0.00		\$0.00
		Fenway Landscaping, Inc.	PV		\$0.00		\$0.00
		North Carolina Department Of Transportation	P		\$1,034,928.00		\$0.00
					\$7,710,316.00		\$0.00
					\$221,145.00		\$0.00
					\$261,007.00		\$0.00
					\$31,969.00		\$0.00
		Rose Brothers Paving Co., Inc.	PV		\$0.00		\$0.00
					\$0.00		\$0.00
Federal Transit Administration	Formula Grants for Other Than Urbanized Areas	Choanoke Public Transportation Authority	S		\$0.00	\$441,095.00	\$0.00
Food and Nutrition Service	No CFDA for Contract type awards	Aurogen Food Products Llc	P		\$112,654.80	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Severn Peanut Company, Inc.	P		\$414,445.23		\$0.00
					\$1,300,675.90		\$0.00
					\$736,983.86		\$0.00
Idaho Operations Office	Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program (EEARP)		P				\$0.00
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Education State Grants, Recovery Act	Gaston College Preparatory	S		\$0.00	\$342,280.00	\$0.00
		Northampton County School District	S		\$0.00	\$1,248,955.00	\$0.00
	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Race-to-the-Top Incentive Grants, Recovery Act	Northampton County School District	S		\$0.00	\$618,154.00	\$0.00
	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies,	Gaston College Preparatory	S		\$0.00	\$77,860.00	\$0.00

Recovery Act		Northampton County School District	S	\$0.00	\$858,043.00	\$0.00	
Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services	Special Education Grants to States, Recovery Act	Gaston College Preparatory	S	\$0.00	\$141,320.00	\$0.00	
		Northampton County School District	S	\$0.00	\$616,197.00	\$0.00	
Rural Housing Service	Community Facilities Loans and Grants		P	\$135,000.00		\$0.00	\$135,000.00
		Conway Severn Rescue Squad	P	\$200,000.00		\$0.00	\$200,000.00
				\$0.00		\$551,000.00	\$551,000.00
		Northampton, County Of	P	\$0.00		\$6,966,000.00	\$6,966,000.00
				\$110,000.00		\$0.00	\$110,000.00
				\$108,000.00		\$0.00	\$108,000.00
				\$500,000.00		\$0.00	\$500,000.00
				\$0.00		\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00
		Seaboard Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.	P	\$0.00		\$550,000.00	\$550,000.00
				\$135,000.00		\$0.00	\$135,000.00
		Seaboard, Town Of	P	\$125,000.00		\$0.00	\$125,000.00
				\$0.00		\$452,500.00	\$452,500.00
SSA	Social Security Economic Recovery Act Payments	Multiple Individuals	P		\$1,457,250.00		
Grand Total				\$15,314,616.79	\$18,469,770.45	\$9,457,086.00	\$27,799,761.32

ⁱ Recipient Role are as follows: P is a prime recipient; S is a Sub-recipient; PV is a vendor to a prime recipient; SV is a vendor to a sub-recipient; L is a loan recipient.

ⁱⁱ Prime Amounts are unique prime awards within a county. These are entities who have received funding directly from a federal agency, and are required to report directly to www.federalreporting.gov

ⁱⁱⁱ Unique Sub Awards are amounts that flow into a county from a source that is NOT directly from a Federal Agency. Generally these are funds awarded to the North Carolina State Government that have been directed to a local source.

^{iv} Additional Economic Activity are economic activity attributable to a previous funding category. They may be a sub award by a prime recipient within a county, or a contract funded by one of the previous three columns. This economic activity is not counted toward the county total.